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FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND VANDEN HEUVEL FROM MAYNES

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SUBJECT: NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES.

1. DICK COOPER DEBRIEFED TODAY ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MANLEY AND PATTERSON IN JAMAICA WHICH WENT ON FOR SOME 12 HOURS. DICK SAID THAT THERE WERE NO SURPRISES BUT THAT HE FOUND THE DISCUSSIONS USEFUL AND THOUGHT THE JAMAICANS DID AS WELL. NEITHER THE JAMAICANS NOR THE VENEZUELAN HAVE YET COMMENTED ON THE SET OF PAPERS WE GAVE THEM DESCRIBING AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. HOWEVER, THE VENEZUELAN HAVE PASSED THEIR COMMENTS ON TO THE JAMAICANS AND WE WILL BE HEARING FROM THEM IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. THE ONLY REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN RATRAY'S LETTER TO COOPER POINTING OUT THAT TWO ADDITIONAL ISSUES -- ENERGY AND THE MECHANISM FOR DISCUSSIONS -- SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF 8 ISSUES WE DISCUSSED IN OUR PAPERS.

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2. MANLEY TOLD COOPER THAT THE JAMAICAN "THINK TANK" HAD BEEN IN HIGH GEAR FOR THE LAST 48 HOURS AND THAT AS A RESULT THE JAMAICANS HAD COME UP WITH A NEW "EAST-WEST" INITIATIVE. THE THRUST OF THIS IS THAT THE G-77 SHOULD NOT LET THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OFF THE HOOK ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND SHOULD STRIVE TO ENGAGE THEM MORE

SUBSTANTIVELY IN THE DIALOGUE. MANLEY HAD GONE TO CUBA TO DISCUSS THIS WITH CASTRO THE DAY BEFORE COOPER'S VISIT AND GOT CASTRO'S AGREEMENT TO RAISE THEIR CONCERNS WITH THE SOVIETS AND OTHER "UPPER TIER" COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THE JAMAICANS FELT THAT A POSITIVE STATEMENT COMING FROM THE BONN SUMMIT ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO DO THEIR SHARE IN ALLEVIATING THE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF THE THIRD WORLD WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE G-77 AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR NEGOTIATING FORUMS. MANLEY INDICATED THE PROBLEMS JAMAICA HAD IN BREAKING NEW GROUND IN DISCUSSIONS BELOW THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL USING THE TDB MEETING AS AN EXAMPLE. HE ADMITTED THAT THEY FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BACK AWAY FROM MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS -- SUCH AS THE MANILA DECLARATION -- AT ANY LEVEL BELOW THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE ALSO EXPRESSED JAMAICA'S PREFERENCE FOR SMALL GROUPS, SUGGESTING THAT THEY FAVORED A GROUP OF SIX OF G-33 AS THE LOGICAL SMALL GROUP TO TALK ABOUT THE COMMON FUND. MANLEY DID NOT MENTION THE IDEA OF A MINI-SUMMIT INCLUDING SCHMIDT.

4. ON OVERVIEW, MANLEY BEGAN WITH A MAXIMALIST POSITION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OUGHT TO TAKE OVER THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHENEVER SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

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TIONS IN OTHER FORUMS GOT STALLED. HOWEVER, HE ENDED UP WITH THE POSITION THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE COW SHOULD NOT BE FORECLOSED. WE GATHER THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

5. COOPER GOT SOME SENSE OF PRIORITIES FROM THE DISCUSSIONS THOUGH THIS WAS A MIXTURE OF G-77 AND JAMAICAN PRIORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ON MTN THE JAMAICANS CITED CONCERNS WITH SELECTIVE SAFEGUARDS ANDRUM AS PARAMOUNT. THE SELECTIVE SAFEGUARD ESCAPE HATCH IS CLEARLY A PARAMOUNT G-77 CONCERN AT PRESENT AND COOPER'S READING OF EC INTENTIONS MAKES HIM AGREE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE JUSTIFIED IN THEIR CONCERNS.

6. THE OTHER CHIEF CONCERNS MENTIONED BY MANLEY WERE COMMON FUND, DEBT AND ENERGY. ON THE COMMON FUND HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE G-77 BUT ON DEBT AND ENERGY HIS POSITIONS WERE JAMAICAN. MANLEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ON ENERGY, JAMAICA IS AS CONCERNED AS THEY THINK WE ARE ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A DIALOGUE ON ENERGY PRICES. THEY ARE HOPING TO GET MORE G-77 SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION ON

THIS. ON OTHER ENERGY ISSUES, SUCH AS COOPERATION IN NEW

AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN THE
ENERGY FIELD AND AID FOCUSED ON ENERGY, THE JAMAICAN
POSITIONS FIT IN WITH THE INITIATIVES WE ARE HOPING TO
ADVANCE AT THE BONN SUMMIT.

7. THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION TO THE PAPER ON POSSIBLE
ACCOMMODATION ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES YET. IT WILL GO WITH
THE PRESIDENT TO BONN AS A BACKGROUND PAPER FOR HIS
DISCUSSIONS THERE. CHRISTOPHER

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